

MONTHLY REPORT

NHA - TRANG

MAY 1969

GENERAL

May was a rather quiet month again. On Saturday 31 May we received about ten rounds in the afternoon but with little damage to the base and no damage to AAM facilities. There were a few incidents in town where two servicemen were killed. These were attributed to conflict with some of the local popular rather than an organized effort of hostile forces.

The station continues with a general clean-up and improvement campaign. Mr. D.A. STRAND, Senior Air Operations Officer of USAID/COMUS reelinquished his position to Mr. Thomas Lilly at this station on 29 May. Mr. Lilly, arriving from Can Tho, was previously assistant to Mr. Strand at Nha Trang prior to his transfer to Can Tho. Initial contacts indicate a great improvement in customer relations.

TRAFFIC

A. GENERAL

Overall Traffic activities decreased very slightly from the last month with an increase in passenger handling of some 801 persons.

DTD visited NHA during this month and assisted by pointing out areas of potential improvement. All suggestions will be handled during June.

B. STATISTICS

<u>Passengers</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Last Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Departing	4824	3580	2726
Arriving	4079	3522	1303
<u>Cargo</u>			
1. <u>Ground Services</u>			
Departing (lbs)	298,339	376,229	170,805
Arriving (lbs)	288,319	234,530	396,580
TOTAL	586,688	610,759	567,385
2. <u>Company Cargo</u>			
Departing	39,679	17,337	29,045
Arriving	40,246	24,735	18,567
TOTAL	79,925	42,072	47,612
3. <u>GRAND TOTAL (1+2)</u>			
Departing	328,018	393,566	199,850
Arriving	328,595	259,265	415,147

CUSTOMER RELATIONS

Customer relations continue to improve slowly with the arrival of Mr. T. Lilly who has replaced Mr. D.A. Strand as Sr. Air Operations Officer USAID/CCORDS. An initial coolness is expected until such time as both parties evaluate each other. We are not overlooking the fact that previous difficulties may have been between subordinates and clears of both groups. The most important faced is to build and retain good communications between AAN and USAID/CCORDS at the highest local/airport level in order to moderate any difficulties at a lower administrative level. Mr. Lilly and SZ/NEA already concur on this point and we are both working towards this.

OPERATIONS

A. GENERAL

SCN J.D. Faulding returned to the United States on A/I. Mr. T. Sheehy has assumed his duties. All in all a smooth month.

B. FLIGHT FREQUENCY (See attached)

C. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE COMPARISON

	<u>May</u>	<u>Last Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
Arrivals	570	573	560
Departures	573	571	571
Run's	331	324	332

D. DELAYS

Percentage on time

Departures	97%	95%	-
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E. ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS . . . None

FISCAL - No major problems

LEGAL - No major problems

SECURITY

The station was shocked by the sudden and violent death of one of our Utilitymen on 5 May. He was shot at 0550 (Ten minutes before the end of curfew) by a Revolutionary Development Cadre. All pertinent offices have been informed and reports submitted.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

	<u>May</u>	<u>Last Mo.</u>	<u>1968</u>
1. Transient Overnight	239	449	239
2. Overnight services	331	324	332
3. Engine changes	5	4	7
4. Propellor changes	0	1	1
5. No. 1 services	4	5	9
6. No. 2 services	0	1	1
7. Delays - Maint/Mech	11	17	16

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8. Intermediate Services	0	1	0
9. AGP'S	17	21	21
10. Outline recoveries	20	3	2
11. Accident Report (CA/C)	1	3	1
12. Accident report (PSHL)	0	0	0

ELECTRONIC MAINTENANCE

UHF/VHF relay continues to operate in a fairly good mode. [REDACTED] arrived from DMG to assist in "peaking-up" our overall station radios. He will return in June to complete the work and much improvement is expected.

ADMINISTRATION

While May was a fairly routine month, June is expected to be quite busy. We begin construction of the hanger leanto, the parking lot, and Maintenance improvements of the Administrative/Traffic building. June should prove to be a month of many accomplishments.

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